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Dear Sir:

On October 18-20, 2013, the Iowa Numismatic Association will celebrate its 75th year as a numismatic club. In 1938, when it was founded, Iowa was a hot bed of coin collecting; thus, the organization. Through those early years the group in Iowa contributed much to the collecting fraternity of the United States.

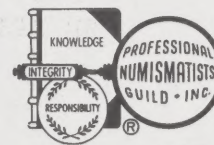
Your presence is requested at the 75th Iowa Numismatic Association banquet on October 19th, 2013. I am writing a few of the "old timers" to get some remarks regarding your idea of the future of numismatics and also a comment or two about memories of the INA in the past years. In case you will not be attending your letter will be read at the banquet of the association. We appreciate very much your input and thank you in advance for this kindness.

Sincerely,

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*Were you at the
ANA in Davenport
Iowa in 1946? Just
mention you attended would
be interesting.
Thanks
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Dear Dean:

I just received your typewritten letter dated August 26, 2013 requesting me to attend the 75th Iowa Numismatic Association banquet on October 19, 2013. It states that if I do not attend, you will read my response at the banquet. You added in longhand whether I was at the 1946 meeting of the ANA in Davenport.

I am only 102 ½ years old and, therefore, may not get all the dates right, but here goes. My wife and I were invited and attended an Iowa meeting in 1940 in Burlington, Iowa. I think that will qualify me as an old timer. We were put up at a lovely hotel for the night. It was a sleepless experience. There was a railroad humping yard nearby in which they were assembling railroad cars in appropriate trains through the use of multiple switches beginning from a higher plateau. The appropriate cars were diverted by manual switches into trains being prepared and those cars were rolled there by gravity and switched on their way downhill. When the appropriate cars arrived at the other cars already in place, there would be a tremendous noise when the coupling from the arriving cars would bump into the coupling on the last car of the appropriate train. This continued all night so that we had a sleepless night. I do not know whether humping cars is still practiced today, but it certainly was convenient at the time.

My best greetings to you and all the members of your association and may all of you enjoy your participation in numismatics for the future.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman, Pres.
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